



Jerald Franklin Archer

Jerald Franklin Archer was born in Kentucky in 1964. Shortly afterwards he lived in Indianapolis, Indiana where he began to study the violin at the age of nine as part of an elementary school program. Later, in High School he studied privately with several symphonic violinists who prepared him for University studies. Mr. Archer later studied at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana as a Music Education major with a minor in violin performance. Here he also undertook personal studies in Theory and Composition as well as Folk Music studies, Authentic Baroque and Early Classical Performance and Music History.

After college, Mr. Archer began his professional career in performing with various bluegrass and country bands in Indianapolis as well as private concerts of Baroque and Early Classical Music for weddings, corporate affairs private functions and Holy Mass. He has won various awards for his violin playing. Other musical opportunities took him to Europe and various parts of the United States, including performing in Las Vegas and Nashville. He has enjoyed his musical career for over 20 years. Mr. Archer currently lives in Indianapolis and is active in violin performance, composition, and private teaching.

J.F. Archer-Career Biography

1975-

Began playing violin in elementary school.

1983

Graduated Warren Central High School, Indianapolis, Indiana. Performed with Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble. Performed in various church and social functions. Studied with Private Teacher. Participated in America's Youth in Concert European Tour, July 1983. Began studying rudiments of Musical Composition.

1983-1986

Attended Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Majored in Music Education with a minor in Violin Performance. Bachelor Degree, Liberal Arts, 1986.

Member of the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, Opera/Theatre Orchestra and the Colligium Musicum. Takes lessons in classical guitar, piano and vocals.

Performed with Bluegrass and Classic Country groups.

1986-1987

Performs professionally in Classic Country band. Composes "The Country Fiddle-Player" a collection of original tunes for fiddle players. Write country/gospel songs.

Begins to teach privately.

1988

Moves to Las Vegas to promote musical career. Performs in numerous casinos and clubs as guest artist.

1989-2001

Returns to Indianapolis and performs regularly with various band of all styles. Teaches occasionally. Participates in band/talent contests, weddings, fairs private functions and Holy Mass.

Composes "The Garden of Harmony, Op. 1" and "12 Preludes for Organ, Op. 2".

2006-2008

Completes "Sonatina Espania, Op. 3" and "Grand Sonate for 5 String Violin, Op. 4".

Performing , composing and teaching.